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MOVES FORWARD

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1. THE CONGRESS OF DEPUTIES' COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC LIBERTIES CLEARED THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE HURDLE IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION MAY 11 WHEN IT APPROVED (AS DRAFTED) ARTICLE ONE, THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF WHICH DECLARES "THE POLITICAL FORM OF THE SPANISH STATE IS THE PARLIAMENTARY MONARCHY".

2. THIS RESULT WAS NOT SURPRISING, AND INDEED THE PSOE MAINTAINED ITS OPPOSITION, ABSTAINING ON THE VOTE (THERE WERE NO NAYS). PARTY SPOKESMAN GOMEZ LLORENTE, HOWEVER, DREW SPECIAL PRAISE FOR THE DECORUM WITH WHICH HE UNDERLINED THE PSOE'S PREFERENCE FOR THE REPUBLICAN FORM, NOTING ALSO THAT MONARCHY WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH SOCIALISM EITHER IN GOVERNMENT OR IN OPPOSITION AND STRESSING HIS PARTY WOULD ACCEPT THE DEMOCRATICALLY ARRIVED-AT OUTCOME.

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3. WHAT IS NOTEWORTHY HERE IS THE CIVILITY AND EASE WITH WHICH THE FIRST CONTENTIOUS POINT HAS BEEN HANDLED. SEVERAL KEY FIGURES IN THE PROCESS WHO BEFOREHAND HAD EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE COURSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE HAVE TOLD US OF THE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER CONFIDENCE THEY NOW FEEL THAT THE DEBATE WILL PROCEED EVENLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY. EATON

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